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SUBJECT: ECUADOREAN OBSERVERS AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA,
AUGUST 25-29, 1975

1. DURING CONVERSATION ON AUGUST 14 I ASKED FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES WHO WAS GOING TO HEAD THE GOE'S DELEGATION AT THE LIMA CONFERENCE OF THE NON-ALIGNED. THE FORM OF MY QUERY, IMPLYING THAT ECUADOR WAS A MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF NON-ALIGNED, ALMOST BROUGHT LUCION PAREDES OUT OF HIS CHAIR. HE SAID THAT ECUADOR WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE NON-ALIGNED AND HENCE WOULD NOT SEND A "DELEGATION". HE PERSONALLY HAD BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND BY THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND URGED TO ATTEND BY THE ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTER, BUT HE HAD DECLINED. ALTHOUGH ECUADOR WAS AN OBSERVER, IT HAS NO WISH WHATSOEVER TO BECOME A FORMAL PART OF THIS "VERY ALIGNED GROUP OF NON-ALIGNED". FONOFF LEGAL ADVISOR, AMBASSADOR RAFAEL GARCIA VELASCO, WOULD BE ECUADOR'S OBSERVER, LUCIO PAREDES SAID.

2. LATER ON AUGUST 14, AMBASSADOR GARCIA VELASCO CONFIRMED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE WILL HEAD THE GOE GROUP AT THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. GARCIA SAID HE WOULD BE
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ACCOMPANIED BY TWO OR THREE OTHER OFFICIALS, WHO HAVE NOT

YET BEEN FINALLY SELECTED, FROM GOE ECONOMIC MINISTRIES
OR AGENCIES.

3. AMBASSADOR GARCIA MADE A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE
GROUP OF 77 AND THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS AND EXPRESSED CONCERN
OVER THE UNREALISTIC POSITIONS TAKEN BY SOME NON-ALIGNED
NATIONS' SPOKESMEN. HE SAID THEIR LANGUAGE WAS REMINISCENT
OF THE EXTREME MARXIST LANGUAGE OF THE THIRTIES. AMBASSADOR
BREWSTER REFERRED TO THE SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH AND
MENTIONED OUR CONCERN ABOUT THE CURRENT INTRACTABILITY
AND UNREASONABLENESS OF THE "THIRD WORLD" ON CERTAIN ISSUES.

4. GARCIA STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONFERENCE
AND THE ACTIONS TAKEN THERE "BECAUSE IT WILL BE A TRAMPOLINE
INTO THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY". AMBASSADOR GARCIA SAID HE
DID NOT KNOW WHETHER NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAMS WOULD SEEK
MEMBERSHIP IN THE CONFERENCE, BUT, IF SO, THAT ACCEPTANCE
WOULD BE BY VOTE OF THE MEMBER STATES.

5. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS ON AUGUST 13,
TWO FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ALSO SPOKE OF ECUADOR'S
RELATIONSHIP TO THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS, WHICH WAS
DESCRIBED AS A VERY LOOSELY STRUCTURED ORGANIZATION.
THEY SAID THAT ECUADOR WAS A MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF 77
AND WAS AN ESPECIALLY ACTIVE AND WORKING PARTICIPANT
IN THE SUB COMMITTEE FOR RAW MATERIALS, BUT THAT ECUADOR
HAD NOT SOLICITED MEMBERSHIP IN THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS.
ECUADOR'S STATUS AS AN OBSERVER DERIVES FROM AN INVITATION
EXTENDED BY THE SECRETARIAT ESTABLISHED BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THE LAST NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE WAS
HELD (ALGERIA).

6. COMMENT: THE REMARKS OF GOE OFFICIALS REPORTED ABOVE
SUGGEST AN INCREASING AWARENESS ON THEIR PART OF THE DANGERS
INHERENT IN AUTOMATIC INVOLVEMENT WITH THIRD WORLD, AND
ESPECIALLY "NON-ALIGNED", POSITIONS. WITHOUT IN ANY WAY
ABANDONING DEFENSE OF ITS TRADITIONAL POSITIONS, THE GOE
IS BEGINNING TO SHOW SOME SENSITIVITY TO OUR OWN CONCERNS
AS MOST RECENTLY EXPRESSED IN THE SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE
SPEECH. THAT SPEECH WAS WIDELY DISTRIBUTED BY US TO GOE
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OFFICIALS AND THE MEDIA. ALTHOUGH FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES
TOLD THE AMBASSADOR ON AUGUST 14 THAT HE WAS NOT YET READY
TO COMMENT ON THE SPEECH, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT HE IS STUDYING
IT. THE INCLUSION IN THE AUGUST 8 DECLARATION OF PRESIDENTS
RODRIGUEZ AND PEREZ OF THE STATEMENT, APROPOS OF THE CREATION
OF SELA, "THAT THIS DOES NOT IMPLY THE CREATION OF
ANTAGONISTIC BLOCS, BUT RATHER THAT OF AN EFFECTIVE
ORGANIZATION OF CONSULTATION THAT WILL ADVANCE THE GOALS

OF DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION WITHIN THE
CONTEXT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM", SUGGESTS WE
MAY PERHAPS BE MAKING SOME HEADWAY.
BREWSTER

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